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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 08/884,411	Applicant(s) Edge et al
	Examiner Mehrdad Dastouri	Group Art Unit 2723

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to amendment filed on August 12, 1999
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-18, 20-22, 25-38, and 41-64
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- received.
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- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 7.
- including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
- including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed, August 12, 1999, has been entered and made of record.
2. 35 USC §112 rejection of Claim 22 has been withdrawn in view of the amendment of Claim 22 to depend from Claim 18 (in lieu of the canceled Claim 19) in the Applicant's amendment.
3. Rejection of Claims 1, 11, 17, 18, 27, and 57 under obvious-type double patenting has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's remarks.
4. Applicants' arguments have been fully considered. In view of the Applicants' arguments, cancellation of Claim 23, and amendment to Claims 1, 8, 17, 18, 22, 34, 49, 57 and 58, rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14, 16-18, 20-22, 25-27, 30, 32-38, 41-43, 46, 48-52, 55, 57-62, and objection to Claims 12, 13, 15, 28, 29, 30, 44, 45, 47, 53, 54 and 56 are expressly withdrawn and these claims, as well as previously allowed Claims 63 and 64, are therefore allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-22, 25-38, 41-64 are allowed.

Claim 1 recites a color characterization method for characterizing a color imaging system, the method comprising:
obtaining first color values representing output samples of the color imaging system;

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converting the first color values into second color values in a device-independent color coordinate system using a white reference vector and a black reference vector; and
adjusting the white reference vector using the black reference vector and first color values being converted.

Claim 8 recites a color characterization method for characterizing a color imaging system, the method comprising:

obtaining first color values representing output samples of the color imaging system;
converting the first color values into second color values in a device-independent color coordinate system using a white reference vector and a black reference vector;
calculating the black reference vector as a function of an output medium associated with the color imaging system;
calculating the white reference vector using the black reference vector; and
adjusting the white reference vector using the black reference vector and first color values being converted.

Claim 17 recites for use in characterizing a color imaging system, a color characterization arrangement comprising:

means for obtaining first color values representing output samples of the color imaging system;

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means for converting the first color values into second color values in a device-independent color coordinate system using a white reference vector and a black reference vector; and adjusting the white reference vector using the black reference vector and first color values being converted.

Claim 18 recites for use in characterizing a color imaging system, a color characterization arrangement comprising:

a computer arrangement, configured and arranged to receive first color values in a color coordinate system, the first color values representing output samples of the color imaging system; and a first memory, responsive to the computer arrangement and configured and arranged to store second color values in a device-independent color coordinate system; the computer arrangement being further configured and arranged to convert the first color values into the second color values using a white reference vector and a black reference vector, and to adjust the white reference vector using the black reference vector and first color values being converted.

Claim 34 recites for use in characterizing a color imaging system, a data storage medium storing computer-executing program configured and arranged to, when executed, obtain first color values representing output samples of the color imaging system; convert the first color values into second color values in a device-independent color coordinate system using a white reference vector and a black reference vector; and adjust the white reference vector using the black reference vector and first color values being converted.

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Claim 49 recites a color transformation method for performing a color transformation between first and second color imaging systems, the color transformation method comprising generating first and second color values respectively representing output samples of the first and second color imaging systems; converting the first and second color values respectively into third and fourth color values using a device-independent color coordinate system; calculating a black reference vector from a medium on which the output samples are formed and a white reference vector from the black reference vector; adjusting the white reference vector using the first and second color values being converted; and generating color transformation values using the third and fourth color values.

Claim 57 recites for use in performing a color transformation between first and second color imaging systems, a color transformation arrangement comprising:
means for obtaining first color values representing output samples of the second color imaging system;
means for generating second color values representing output samples of the first and second color imaging systems;
means for converting the first second color values into third color values using a device-independent color coordinate system;

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means for converting the second color values into fourth color values using the color coordinate system;

means for calculating a black reference vector from a medium on which the output samples are formed and a white reference vector from the black reference vector;

means for adjusting the white reference vector using the first and second color values being converted; and

means for generating color transformation values using the third and fourth color values.

Claim 58 recites a method for characterizing a color imaging system, the method comprising:

obtaining first color values representing output of the system;

converting the first color values into second color values using a white reference vector for the system; and

adjusting the white reference vector as a function of both a black reference vector for the system and the first color values being converted.

The combination of features identified in Claims 1, 8, 17, 18, 34, 49, 57 and 58 are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior arts of record.

Given claims 2-5 and 7 depend from Claim 1, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

Given claims 9-16 depend from Claim 8, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

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Given claims 20-22 and 25-33 depend from Claim 18, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

Given claims 35-38 and 41-48 depend from Claim 34, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

Given claims 50-56 depend from Claim 49, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

Given claims 59-62 depend from Claim 58, they are allowable by reason of their dependence.

Claims 63 and 64 are allowed based on the reason for allowance indicated in previously submitted Office Action (Paper N0. 10).

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Other prior art cited

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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U.S. Patent 5,398,119 to Suzuki et al is cited for photoelectric conversion devices shading correction circuit. The shading correction includes a black level correction and a white level correction.

U.S. Patent 5,485,288 to Kamei et al is cited for an image processing apparatus for converting a color image into a pattern image. The apparatus comprises a black correction/white correction unit for performing black and white adjustment for outputting a black and white image for an input color image.

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehrdad Dastouri whose telephone number is (703) 305-2438.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703)308-6604.

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